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 JULY 31-AUGUST 6, 1978, AND FIELD OPERATIONS THRU 08/11/78

1. GOM ERADICATION AND ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS FOR THE 31ST  
 WEEK OF 1978 ARE OUTLINED BELOW. FIGURES IN PARENTHESIS RE-  
 FLECT CUMULATIVE TOTALS SINCE DECEMBER 1977.

ERADICATION, JULY 31-AUGUST 6, 1978

ZONES 5-9 3-4 1-2 OTHER TOTALS

A. POPPY FIELDS	0	0	89	0	89	(15,662)
B. HECTARES	0	0	1.595	0	1.595	(1,263)
C. MARIHUANA FIELDS	1	146	183	1	331	(4,484)
D. HECTARES	.21	5.186	8.935	.17	14.50	(578)
E. MIXED FIELDS	0	0	0	0	0	(113)
F. HECTARES	0	0	0	0	0	(18)

ENFORCEMENT, JULY 31-AUGUST 6, 1978

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A. KG. HEROIN	7.021	88.481
B. KG. OPIUM	.145	298.485
C. KG. OPIUM SEED	0	97.69
D. HEROIN LABS	1	15

E. HASHISH/MARIHUANA LABS	0	2
F. DANGEROUS DRUGS LABS	0	3
G. KG. COCAINE	3,021	50,281
H. KG. MARIHUANA	902,307	17,643
I. KG. MARIHUANA SEED	0	1,788.73
J. KG. HASHISH	0	63.875
K. LITERS, HASHISH OIL	0 -	.250
L. KG. PEYOTE	- 10,170 -	22.02
M. D.U. DANGEROUS DRUGS	782 -	20,846,348
N. DANGEROUS DRUGS TABLET	0 -	3
O. ARRESTS, MEXICAN	134 -	3,064
P. ARRESTS, U.S.	- 3 -	104
Q. ARRESTS, OTHERS	- 2 -	33
R. VEHICLES	- 19 -	474
S. WEAPONS	- 23 -	960
T. AMMUNITION	- 157 -	38,832
U. PESOS	- 0 -	\$3,214,288
V. DOLLARS	- \$790 -	75,432
W. AIRCRAFT	- 1 -	31
X. VESSELS	- 1 -	3

2. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR THE 31ST WEEK OF 1978 COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977 SHOW 89 POPPY FIELDS COVERING 1.595 HECTARES DESTROYED IN 1978 AS COMPARED TO 157 POPPY FIELDS COVERING 4.356 HECTARES DESTROYED DURING 1977. FIGURES FOR 1978 SHOW AN APPROXIMATE 50 PERCENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CENT DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FIELDS DESTROYED AND AN APPROXIMATE 65 PERCENT DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF HECTARES DESTROYED COMPARED TO 1977 FIGURES. THE TREND OF SMALLER SIZE FIELDS CONTINUES. THE MAJORITY OF POPPY ERADICATION ACTIVITY TOOK PLACE IN ZONE II, CHILPANCINGO, GUERRERO.

3. FIELD OPERATIONS: THE JOINT EVALUATION TEAM COMMENCED ROTARY WING FLIGHT OPERATIONS ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 7, IN THE CENTRAL AREA OF ZONE 07 IN THE STATE OF CHIHUAHUA. A TOTAL OF NINE SECTORS WERE FLOWN DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WITH TEAM SCHEDULED TO DEPLOY TO THE SOUTHEAST TO RECON THE SUSPECTED AREAS ALONG THE GULF COAST SIDE AND SWING BACK TO THE WEST TO COMMENCE A RECON SWEEP MOVING IN THE SOUTHERLY DIRECTION OVER THE TRADITIONAL POPPY GROWING AREAS. THE TEAM IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN THE ZONE 06 AREA BY END OF THE MONTH IN ORDER TO DEVOTE MAJOR PORTION OF TIME AND EFFORT TO THE NORTHWESTERN AREA (CHIHUAHUA, DURANGO AND SINALOA.) THUS FAR, A TOTAL OF TEN MARIHUANA FIELDS HAVE BEEN DETECTED WITH NO POPPY FIELDS SIGHTED AS YET. THE DEA ANALYST ARRIVED IN MEXICO CITY ON AUGUST 7, WENT THROUGH A TWO DAY ORIENTATION AND BRIEFING SESSION AND JOINED THE EVALUATION TEAM IN MADERA, CHIHUAHUA ON THE MORNING OF

AUGUST 10. FIELD REPORTS REVEAL THAT CHIEF PILOT ASSIGNED TO PROVIDE AVIATION SUPPORT HAS EXPLICIT ORDERS FROM AG EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CALL FOR SPRAY SHIP STRIKES IMMEDIATELY AFTER ILLICIT FIELDS ARE DETECTED AND REPORTED.

4. AVIATION OPERATIONS: DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS THE OFFICE OF THE AG REQUESTED A TOTAL OF NINE PILOTS TO SUBMIT THEIR RESIGNATIONS AS A RESULT OF INVESTIGATIONS RELATED TO MISAPPROPRIATION OF SEIZED PROPERTY WHICH ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED TWO YEARS AGO. SIX OF THE NINE PILOTS ARE HIGHLY QUALIFIED MODEL 212 SPRAY PILOTS INCLUDING THE 212 INSTRUCTOR PILOT (PARTIDA) AND THE 206 SPRAY INSTRUCTOR PILOT (SOLA).

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DURING A MEETING ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 7, EXECUTIVE OFFICER BAEZA NOTIFIED THE ASSISTANCE ATTACHE THE AG MADE THE DECISION TO REQUEST THEIR RESIGNATIONS IMMEDIATELY ALTHOUGH BAEZA RECOMMENDED PROSECUTION. BAEZA INDICATED THE AG BASED HIS DECISION ON THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION AS IT RELATES TO THE AG'S OFFICE EVER EXPANDING, INTENSIVE INVESTIGATIONS OF CORRUPTION WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND DECENTRALIZED SECTORS. EMBASSY OFFICER PROPOSED TO BAEZA AN IMMEDIATE AG CONTRACT WITH AT LEAST THREE BILINGUAL, HIGHLY QUALIFIED, ROTARY WING U.S. INSTRUCTOR PILOTS FOR A PERIOD OF 90 DAYS UNDER THE TERMS OF THE FIELD SUPPORT AGREEMENT TO ALLEVIATE THE PILOT SITUATION. NAU AVIATION ADVISOR JUDGES THIS IS MOST JUDICIOUS COURSE OF ACTION AS THIS WILL

FREE SOME HIGHTIME AERO SERVICES PILOTS FROM THEIR PRESENT TRAINING COMMITMENTS IN ORDER TO ASSUME OPERATIONAL FLIGHT STATUS. ADDITIONALLY, ALL THREE CANDIDATES PROPOSED TO BAEZA HAVE PERFORMED INSTRUCTOR DUTIES IN MEXICO IN THE PAST, ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, AND KNOW THE FLIGHT OPERATIONS. NINE OF THE 25 ROTARY WING PILOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRAINEES RECENTLY RETURNED FROM U.S. TRAINING. AVIATION ADVISOR CARSON IS IN PROCESS OF CHECKING THEM OUT TO CHOOSE BEST CANDIDATES FOR MODEL 206 SPRAY TRAINING IN ORDER TONSITION BEST 206 SPRAY PILOTS TO 212 SPRAYING. BARRING UNEXPECTED FINDINGS BY JOINT TEAMS CURRENTLY FLYING RECON- NAISSANCE FLIGHTS, BAEZA JUDGES THE SITUATION IS NOT CRITICAL AT THIS TIME.

5. TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

A) MAINTENANCE: MAINTENANCE ADVISOR KARMAN WAS ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL WITH WHAT WAS DIAGNOSED AS A SEVERE INTESTINAL INFECTION AND WAS OUT FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK.

B) E-SYSTEMS CONTRACT: PROJECT MANAGER FRANK BATES WAS RECALLED TO GREENVILLE, TEXAS, AND REPLACED BY JOHN BEVERS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 9. THIS MAKES THE THIRD CHANGE OF TOP MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE E-SYSTEMS CONTRACT. DCASPRO AUDITOR KEN DUREN ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH NAU TO ANNOUNCE THEIR ETA MEXICO ON 22 AUGUST WITH HIS FOUR MEN TEAM.

NOTE: EMBASSY UNDERSCORES IMPERATIVE NATURE OF JOHN WILLIAMS PRESENCE IN COUNTRY DURING THE E-SYSTEMS PERFORMANCE EVALUATION NOW THAT BATES HAS DEPARTED.

C) COMPUTER PROJECT: COMPUTER TECHNICIANS DEA/RODGERS AND AID/RUOTOLA ARRIVED MEXICO CITY AS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE A JOINT PROGRESS REVIEW OF THE COMPUTER PROJECT. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS INCLUDED VISITS AND TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH AG OFFICE MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL; THE CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIVES; THE TECHNICIANS AT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE COMPUTER CENTER; VISITS IN MEXICO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CITY AND TO CITIES WHERE TERMINALS ARE INSTALLED AND OPERATING; A BRIEFING SESSION FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER BAEZA AND A SPECIAL SESSION WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL FLORES IN HIS OFFICE. RODGERS AND RUOTOLA INFORMED AG FLORES AND

BAEZA OF THE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS NOTED SINCE THEIR PREVIOUS VISIT, UNDERScoreD SOME DEFICIENCIES, AND MADE VERBAL RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO USER TRAINING, TECHNICAL MODIFICATIONS, AND BOTH PHYSICAL AND OPERATIONAL SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE EQUIPMENT AND ITS DATA BASE. RODGERS SCHEDULEDEPART ON 12 AUGUST; EMBASSY REQUESTED RUOTOLA REMAIN FOR AN ADDITIONAL WEEK TO PREPARE WRITTEN REPORT FOR AG OFFICE AND ENGAGE IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH AG TECHNICAL STAFF ON RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED.

D) TELECOMMUNICATIONS: CHIEF ADVISOR LEE PRESENTLY ON ANNUAL LEAVE. TECHNICAL ADVISOR CARPENTER WAS ASSIGNED AS ESCORT OFFICER FOR RODGERS-RUOTOLA FOR ENTIRE WEEK OF THEIR JOINT TDY IN MEXICO CITY INCLUDING THE FIELD TRIPS.

E) NASA REMOTE SENSING PROJECT: EARTH RESOURCE LABORATORY (ERL), DIRECTOR MOONEYHAN, HIS DEPUTY AND NASA ENGINEER SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE MEXICO CITY ON AUGUST 14 FOR THREE DAY SESSIONS WITH EMBASSY AND AG OFFICE FOR UPDATED STATUS REPORT; TO INSPECT SITE FOR INTERIM SYSTEM COMPUTER INSTALLATION; AND TO ASCERTAIN STATE OF AG OFFICE RECRUITMENT OF TECHNICIANS TO BE TRAINED AT ERL STARTING IN SEPTEMBER. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS DISCUSSED WITH BAEZA AND APPROVED.

F) MITRE CORPORATION TECHNICAL TEAM VISIT TO MEXICO: CHARGE AGREED TO PRESIDE OVER INITIAL EMBASSY GROUP MEETING WITH MITRE TEAM ON AUGUST 14. AG FLORES AGREED TO COURTESY CALL ON EVENING OF SAME DAY AND BAEZA HAS HIS PERSONNEL INCLUDING OTHER PERSONNEL ON STANDBY FOR THE FIRST WORK SESSION ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15. JIKIERE, JDMCLAUGHLIN, VDMCANINCH  
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